GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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INDIA FESTIVALS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether every year `India Festivals` are organized in different parts of the world for promoting Indian Arts and Culture;

(b) if so, the details including amount incurred thereon and number of Artists/Members of Cultural Groups, Organizers and Officers sent abroad for participating in the said `India Festivals` and `International Cultural Meets` during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the number of SCs/STs persons among them; and

(d) the reasons for not giving adequate representation to SCs/STs?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) : Festivals of India are organized abroad on the basis of bilateral agreement between the two countries. So far, the following Festivals of India were organized:-
(i) U.K-1982
(ii) France- 1985-86
(iii) USA- 1985-86
(iv) Sweden-1987
(v) USSR- 1987-88
(vi) Japan-1988
(vii) Germany- 1991
(viii) China-1994(ix)Thailand-1995-96;

(b) : No Festival of India was organized during the last three years;

(c) & (d) : Do not arise.